



Who Are You? Where Do You Fit?

Who Are You? Finding Your Identity in Christ ● *May 1*

What Are Your Passions and Gifts? Discovering Your Unique SHAPE ● *May 8*

Where Do You Fit? Identifying Your Calling and Place in the Body ● *May 15*

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Who Am I? Where Do I Fit? - Personal Application Questions

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Embrace Your Identity in Christ (NavPress Connect Bible Study, "Identity: Becoming Who God Says I Am")

- 1) How does the Bible describe you? (Created by God for a purpose, Sinful, Loved, Redeemed... see wk.1 talk)
- 2) Where do you struggle to see yourself this way? What practical difference does identity make in your life?

Know Your S.H.A.P.E. (Erik Rees, "S.H.A.P.E. – finding and Fulfilling your Unique Purpose for Life")

- **Spiritual Gifts**

- 1) Where have you or others around you seen spiritual gifts active in your life?
- 2) Where do you have opportunities to use, develop or discover these Gifts right now?

- **Heart**

- 1) What or who do you care about most? What needs do you find yourself getting passionate about?
- 2) What cause(s) do you believe God wants you to be involved in? What is your dream for Kingdom impact?

- **Abilities**

- 1) What are your top natural abilities?
- 2) What opportunities are there for you to use or develop your skills and abilities?

- **Personality**

- 1) How do you relate to others? (Outgoing, reserved, self-expressive, self-controlled, cooperative, competitive)
- 2) How do you respond to opportunities? (Risk-taker, cautious, independent, team-oriented, follower, leader, people-oriented, task-oriented, driven, laid-back ...)

- **Experiences**

- 1) What are some of the key positive experience in your life?
- 2) What are some of the key negative experiences in your life?
- 3) How has God shaped you through these? How could these be used to help others/ advance the Kingdom?

Understand Your CALLING

- **Individually**

- 1) Where do you think God may be calling you to serve Him in the years to come? (May be general or specific – feel free to dream big since God is big!) How can you best be preparing now for that calling?
- 2) Where do you believe God would have to serve Him today? (May be in areas of strength or weakness)

- **As a Body**

- 1) What do you believe God's call is to Crossroads for the next few years? (What types of ministry should we be doing, where can we as a group uniquely impact the world around us, what is our unique character...)
- 2) Where might God be calling you to help, or even lead, so that we can fulfill that calling?

Find Your FIT

- 1) As you think about your SHAPE and CALLING, how do you see yourself fitting on a team (Are you a leader, worker, manager, outgoing, behind the scenes, optimist, prayer warrior, encourager, recruiter, dreamer...)
- 2) Where specifically do you see yourself fitting in Grace BFC? In your work, neighborhood, other ministries?

Grace BFC Service Opportunities:

- Please fill out the "Grace Service Opportunities" form (return to Pastor Cowen or Bickel)

Going Further:

- 1) Bible Study / personal questions and journal on Identity (created, fallen, redeemed), gifts, purpose, meaning in life: **"Identity: Becoming What God Wants Us To Be"** by NavPress
- 2) Further description of and additional questions to help with S.H.A.P.E. analysis: **"S.H.A.P.E. – Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life"** by Erik Rees
- 3) Personal Assessment with helpful questions / charts on you Experiences, Traits, and Convictions as well as form to get Observations of others: **"Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way"** by Bruce Bugbee
- 4) Spiritual Gift Inventory: see Mark Bickel, he has several different Spiritual Gift surveys you could take
- 5) Helpful books on the topic:
 - **"When the Church Was a Family"** by Joseph H. Hellerman
 - **"What are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional Approach"** by Kenneth Berding
 - **"What You Do Best in the Body of Christ"** by Bruce Bugbee
 - Bible Study series **"Pursuing Spiritual Transformation"** by Willow Creek (published by Zondervan). Especially volumes on **"Gifts: The Joy of Serving God"** and **"Groups: The Life-Giving Power of Community"**
- 6) Handouts and Teaching Notes for **"Who Are You? Where Do You Fit?"** at gracebfc.org